

GIVAR7.001APC



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Givargizov et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/980,432  
Filed : June 11, 2002  
For : TIP STRUCTURES, DEVICES ON  
THEIR BASIS, AND METHODS  
FOR THEIR PREPARATION  
Examiner : K. T. Nguyen  
Group Art Unit : 2881

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

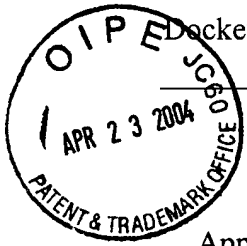
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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**AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

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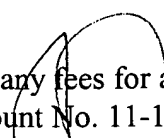
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment and Response to Office Action in 10 pages.
- (X) Sixteen references as attachments.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	27 - 63 = 0	2202 (\$9)	0 x 9 =	\$0
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